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PACKET BASED COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

A<sub>1</sub> ~~Sub B1~~  
3. (AMENDED) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
the step of identifying erroneously received payload blocks  
during said transmission.

~~Sub B1~~  
8. (AMENDED) A method for enabling recovery of lost  
payload blocks, the method comprising the steps of:

A<sub>2</sub>  
(a) receiving a sequence of encoded signals by a  
destination node from a source node;

(b) decoding each received signal in accordance with a  
particular decoding format to generate a plurality of decoded